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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the Deputy Commissioner's pre-OG notice of July 11, 2003, copies of U.S. patents are not provided.

U.S. Patent 6,459,520  
U.S. Patent 6,501,586  
U.S. Patent 6,504,558  
U.S. Patent 6,519,070

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>6,459,520</b>	<b>10/1/02</b>	<b>Takayama</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>204</b>	
		<b>6,501,586</b>	<b>12/31/02</b>	<b>Takayama</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>206</b>	
		<b>6,504,558</b>	<b>1/7/03</b>	<b>Takayama</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>132</b>	
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